

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-12, 15-18 and 20 are pending. claims 3, 5, 6, 13, 14 and 19 have been canceled. claims 1, 8, 10 and 18 are amended herein.

1 1. (currently amended) A multi-use tool comprising:

2 a single housing, said housing comprising ~~a at least one compartment or more compartments~~;

3 a grip for carrying said multi-use tool;

4 a tape measure;

5 a straight edge rotatably disposed to pivot about a center point; [[and]]

6 a pencil holder ~~forming within a compartment~~ formed within one of said compartments, said

7 pencil holder holding a removable pencil;

8 a laser generator disposed in within one of said compartments, said laser generator producing

9 a visible laser beam as a reference line; and

10 a pencil sharpener disposed on one end of said multi-use tool and forming an outlet for said

11 visible laser beam.

1 2. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

2 at least one level for providing angular, horizontal and vertical information.

1 3. (canceled)

1 4. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
2 a tightening device disposed about said center point, said tightening device applying an
3 adjustable pressure on a surface portion of said straight edge for holding said straight edge at a
4 desired angle.

1 5. (canceled)

1 6. (canceled)

1 7. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a detent
2 mechanism disposed between said housing and said straight edge, said detent mechanism providing
3 a tactile response to a user indicating when said straight edge has been rotated about said center
4 point a predetermined amount.

1 8. (currently amended) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, further comprising
2 measurement markings for indicating predetermined measurements, said measurement markings
3 being disposed along at least one side of said housing and at least one side of said straight edge.

1 9. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 1, said straight edge having a circular
2 edge about said pivot point, said straight edge comprising measurement markings for indicating
3 predetermined measurements, said measurement markings being disposed along said circular edge.

1 10. (currently amended) A multi-use tool comprising:
2 a single housing, said housing comprising ~~at least one compartment~~ plural compartments;
3 a tape measure disposed at a first end of said housing in a first of said compartments;
4 a pencil holder forming a second one of said compartments, said pencil holder holding a
5 removable pencil; [[and]]
6 a pencil sharpener disposed on a second end of said housing; and
7 at least one laser generator disposed in a third one of said compartments, said laser generator
8 producing at least one visible laser beam as a reference line, said laser beam being projected through
9 said pencil sharpener.

1 11. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising an ergonomic
2 handle for assisting a user in carrying or moving said multi-use tool.

1 12. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising at least one level
2 for providing angular, horizontal and vertical information.

1 13. (canceled)

1 14. (canceled)

1 15. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising a straight edge
2 rotatably disposed in a sub-compartment about a center point.

1 16. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, further comprising at least one side
2 of said housing having a static coefficient of friction greater than the remaining sides of said housing
3 for assisting a user of said multi-use tool to operate said tape measure single handedly.

1 17. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 10, said tape measure being removable
2 from said first one of said compartments.

1 18. (currently amended) A multi-use tool comprising:
2 a single housing, said housing comprising a plurality of compartments;
3 a tape measure disposed at a first end of said housing in a first one of said compartments;
4 at least one level for providing angular, horizontal and vertical information;
5 a pencil holder forming a second one of said compartments, said pencil holder holding a
6 removable pencil; and
7 a pencil sharpener disposed on a second end of said housing; and
8 a laser generator disposed in a third one of said compartments, said laser generator producing
9 at least one visible laser beam projected through said pencil sharpener.

1 19. (canceled)

1 20. (original) The multi-use tool as set forth in claim 18, further comprising a straight edge
2 rotatably disposed about a center point, one side of said housing and said straight edge forming a
3 square when said straight edge is rotated 90 degree with respect to said one side of said housing.